

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Doane, on March 15, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary  
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 559, 2/27/2017; SB 144, 2/27/2017; SB 175, 2/27/2017; SB 176, 2/27/2017

**HEARING ON HB 559****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:05 Rep. Peggy Webb (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 559, Require landlord and tenant annual training requirement for peace officers.  
00:03:22 Rep. Manzella, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Berglee, and Rep. McConnell joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:35 John Sinrud, Montana Landlord Association (MLA)  
00:05:34 Rick Linafelter, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)  
00:05:58 Bill Brainard, Self  
00:07:58 Connie O'Loughlin, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(juh54a01\)](#)**

00:10:46 Rep. Harris joined the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:11:50 Jerry Williams, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

**[EXHIBIT\(juh54a02\)](#)**

00:14:14 Amy Hall, Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)

**[EXHIBIT\(juh54a03\)](#)**

00:15:58 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)  
00:17:34 Rich McLane, Bozeman Police Department (BPD), Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP)  
00:20:04 Rep. Regier joined the meeting.  
00:21:45 John Schaffer, Great Falls Police Department (GFPD)  
00:25:07 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)  
00:26:09 Katy Westoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group  
00:26:40 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP)  
00:29:56 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:31:20 Perry Johnson, Montana Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)

**[EXHIBIT\(juh54a04\)](#)****Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:25 Rep. Kelker  
00:37:23 Rich McLane, BPD, MACOP  
00:39:15 Rep. Kelker  
00:39:46 John Schaffer, GFPD  
00:40:25 Rep. Usher  
00:41:29 John Schaffer, GFPD  
00:43:04 Rep. Usher  
00:43:15 Perry Johnson, POST  
00:44:34 Rep. Usher

00:45:15 Rep. Webb  
 00:45:32 John Sinrud, MLA  
 00:46:09 Rep. McConnell  
 00:46:35 Rich McLane, BPD, MACOP  
 00:47:54 Rep. McConnell  
 00:48:09 John Schaffer, GFPD  
 00:48:38 Rep. McConnell  
 00:49:14 Amy Hall, MLSA  
 00:52:17 Rep. Manzella  
 00:53:47 Perry Johnson, POST  
 00:57:12 Rep. Kelker  
 00:57:48 John Schaffer, GFPD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:58:32 Rep. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 144**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:01:29 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 144, Generally revise landlord tenant laws to allow voluntary electronic notification.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:26 Bill Brainard, Self  
 01:05:26 Taylor Oldroyd, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
 01:07:05 Joe Mueller, Self  
 01:08:37 Rick Linafelter, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:09:09 Amy Hall, Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh54a05\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:11:59 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)  
 01:12:25 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association (MMA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:12:48 Rep. Kelker  
 01:13:50 Sen. Webb  
 01:14:28 Rep. Wagoner  
 01:15:17 Sen. Webb  
 01:15:49 Rep. McConnell  
 01:16:48 Sen. Webb  
 01:16:56 Rep. Manzella  
 01:17:13 John Sinrud, MLA  
 01:18:18 Rep. Morigeau  
 01:19:20 Amy Hall, MLSA  
 01:20:50 Rep. Bishop  
 01:21:24 Greg Mohr, MMA  
 01:24:03 Rep. McConnell

01:24:59 Sen. Webb

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:25:45 Sen. Webb

01:27:47 Recess

01:38:23 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 175**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:39:09 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 175, Generally revise landlord and tenant laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:40:24 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)

01:51:24 Rick Linafelter, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)

01:51:41 Bill Brainard, Self

01:55:00 Connie O'Laughlin, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:55:58 Amy Hall, Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(juh54a06\)\*\*](#)

02:04:15 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

02:06:08 Katy Westoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group

02:06:29 Abigail Belcher, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)

02:06:46 Dillon Ecord, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)

**Informational Testimony:**

02:07:15 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association (MMA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:07:29 Rep. Morigeau

02:08:12 Greg Mohr, MMA

02:10:08 Rep. Court

02:11:25 Amy Hall, MLSA

02:13:32 Rep. Kelker

02:14:07 Greg Mohr, MMA

02:14:30 Rep. Kelker

02:15:13 Sen. Webb

02:16:22 Rep. Bishop

02:17:08 Amy Hall, MLSA

02:20:42 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

02:21:46 John Sinrud, MLA

02:25:07 Rep. Kelker

02:26:03 Chair Doane

02:26:31 Greg Mohr, MMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:28:44 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 176**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:30:59 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 176, Revise requirements for landlord to access and maintain premises.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:32:23 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)  
02:34:43 Rick Linafelter, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)  
02:35:06 Connie O' Laughlin, Self  
02:35:30 Taylor Oldroyd, Montana Association Of Realtors (MAR)  
02:35:53 Bill Brainard, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:37:27 Amy Hall, Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)

**EXHIBIT(juh54a07)**

02:48:34 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students  
02:49:16 Katy Westoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group

**Informational Testimony:**

02:49:40 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:50:06 Sen. Webb

**Committee Business:**

02:56:16 Rep. B. Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:57:26

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([juh54aad.pdf](#))**